Governments were also requested to set up State level road safety councils.

8. Strict and rigid enforcement of traffic rules and regulations.

9. Regular special drive against rash and negligent driving, driving without driving licences, drunken driving, defective headlights, over-speeding, over-loading etc.

10. Regular prosecution of violation through issue of notices.

11. School children are regularly imparted necessary training/education in the schools about the rules of the roads and related safety aspects by the Road Safety cell of Delhi Traffic Police.

12. Introduction of blinkers/signals at accident prone areas.

13. Prosecution through Radar Guns.

14. More Police presence in accident prone areas.

15. Special morning drives and night mobile patrolling.

16. Use of Doordarshan/AIR/Press for giving wide publicity on road safety.

17. Painting of bus boxes, yellow boxes.

18. Special night checking on Highways.

19. Special drive against buses, HTVs, TSRs, Taxis etc.

20. Painting competitions and other road safety activities are being organised by Road Safety Cell to inculcate the sense of road safety among various road users and children.

Maintenance of National Highways

1129. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rate of road accidents in the country is highest in the World;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government monitor the conditions of the existing National Highways being maintained by State agencies as to the quality of material used and the width of roads etc.;

(d) what are the reasons that the width of the National Highways in Orissa has gradually been reduced; and

(e) the details of the action proposed to be taken to enforce proper width of the Highways and also proper maintenance thereof in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The rate of road accidents in India in 1986, the period for which comparative figures in respect of other countries is available, was 20.56 per thousand vehicles. This was then not the highest in the World.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The width of National Highways in the country, including the State of Orissa, is not reduced. In fact, the National Highways are being widened in a planned menner, as per the requirements & availability of resources. National Highways are also being maintained regularly within the funds available so as to keep them in traffic worthy conditions.

Construction of 4-lane bridge near ITO

1130. SHRI SURESH KALMADI. Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to construct a new 4-line bridge near ITO bridge over Yamuna in Delhi; and

(b) if so, by when the construction is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The work which is to